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DATE: October 20, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant Mitchell, MD
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to nineteen (19) homeless single males at a facility known as the **Sharing Community Shelter** located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$922,701 and to provide additional space at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York to accommodate any overflow homeless drop-in population from 101 North Broadway, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$130,256 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,052,957, to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to nineteen (19) homeless single males at a facility known as the Sharing Community Shelter, located at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$922,701 and to provide additional space at 1 Hudson Street, Yonkers, New York to accommodate any overflow homeless drop-in population from 101 North Broadway, for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$130,256 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$1,052,957, to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations. The requested amount remains the same as last year.

The **public purpose** of this program is to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless men in the County of Westchester. The Sharing Community Shelter will continue to provide 24 hour supervision, meals, and counseling, as well as supportive services including

assistance in finding permanent housing, assistance with seeking and obtaining employment, and casework services.

The **goals and objectives** of this program are to provide the following services:

- operate a shelter for single homeless males
- provide 24 hour supervision
- provide supportive services including counseling, assistance with finding permanent housing, obtaining employment, and casework services. It is to be noted that the long term goal is to help this population move from public assistance to self sufficiency and economic independence. The supportive services provided hereunder would help to achieve this goal.
- provide a safe overnight shelter for the target population of homeless men outside the Department's regular shelter system, thereby keeping them off the streets during the night hours.
- give homeless men utilizing the emergency beds, an opportunity to rest in a supervised area to enhance their safety. Staff oversees the area and the men are observed to enhance security.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health, public safety and the environment**. The population served routinely suffers from various impediments, such as substance and/or alcohol abuse, mental illness, chronic unemployment, poor work history, inability to maintain a job, etc. Many are burdened with multiple barriers to permanent housing which have resulted in their current homeless status. Through this contract, customers who are eligible for these emergency housing services are provided direct supportive services and linkages to programs to address their needs. Housing the targeted population will reduce their risk of becoming victims of crime and general health-related issues that result in not having appropriate shelter. Giving them a place to stay temporarily, while they address the issues that caused their homelessness, has a positive impact on the environment.

These goals and objectives are in **the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as they are aimed at reducing the number of people on public assistance, which will result in reducing the associated costs. This population will no longer be a burden to the County or taxpayers once they become employed and economically independent. The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County as the above said facility provides a safer environment for these people and keeps them off the streets. Further, the goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health as they ensure the physical well-being of the targeted population.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include submission of quarterly reports and meetings and other direct contact with D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the successful execution of the objectives and intents, as detailed in the contract.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the Sharing Community Shelter program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2010 contract period. This program effectively provided shelter and support services

for 49 single homeless males. As of 9/30/10, the following outcomes were achieved by this program:

- 12 or 24% of the men secured permanent housing
- 14 or 27% of the men secured transitional housing
- 19 – Average daily census at Emergency Overnight Center

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3 (a) (xiv).

Therefore, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with The Sharing Community Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

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Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2011	101	22	8900	5860	_____	\$1,052,957

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/11

End Date: 12/31/11

Funding Source

Tax Dollars 50%

State Aid 50%

\$1,052,957
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Federal Aid: _____

Other: _____

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